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1. Indonesia

The army continues its drive against the Indonesian Communists.

General Sukendro, only survivor of the army "brain trust" after the 30 September murders, told an American official yesterday that he thinks things are going "fairly well." He admitted, however, that the big question is whether the army can continue to batter the Communists in the face of Sukarno's objections.

Sukendro spoke of the delicacy of the situation in central Java where army units had wavered during the early stages of the coup attempt and where Communists remain strong.

Top Communist leader Aidit is [redacted] reported to have been captured by the army. There are indications that even the pro-Communist elements around Sukarno are now attempting to make Aidit the major scapegoat for the 30 September affair.

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Mob activity took a new turn yesterday with the destruction of a university in Djakarta controlled by the local Chinese residents. Although the university was pro-Peking, the attack seems to have been as much anti-Chinese as anti-Communist. The Chinese Communist Embassy, rumored as a target for mob action, is now under strong army guard. Probably in response to yesterday's mob action, the Djakarta army commander has ordered an end to mob destruction of property.

2. India-Pakistan

The cease-fire continues precarious.

Pakistani Air Force commander Khan admitted a "modest" Pakistani air action in support of ground troops yesterday. He said the Indians had used aircraft against Pakistani troops the day before.

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3. Congo

The situation remains calm in the wake of Tshombé's dismissal on Wednesday.

The ousted prime minister has publicly urged his followers to remain quiet. He is wary of efforts by his opponents, particularly President Kasavubu and Nendaka, to provoke him into illegal opposition so that they might take stronger action against him. It remains to be seen, however, whether Tshombé can continue to hold his followers in line.

Tshombé now evidently hopes to oppose Kasavubu for the presidency in the elections set for early next year.

Nendaka, who spearheaded the fight against Tshombé and who is likely to be the most influential member in the new cabinet, volunteered to Ambassador Godley yesterday that the Ghanaians had offered him "vast" sums of money and had expressed their willingness to lead in the formation of an African army to replace the white "mercenaries." Nendaka denied that he had accepted any Ghanaian money.

Nendaka does seem convinced that an alliance with Ghana and other radical African states would be to his advantage.

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4. Uruguay

The government seems to be winning the first round.

The Communists' 24-hour general strike effort on Wednesday was only a partial success. The government workers' walkout that began the same day is engendering little support and affects no essential public services.

Tension has eased and the possibility of the government's weakening in its resolve to hold out against inflationary wage increases has diminished. Nevertheless, the government still faces a series of tough economic decisions.

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5. South Vietnam

The Viet Cong's appeal for a general strike today seems to have fallen flat. The only unusual occurrence was a sharp cutback in road traffic from the provinces into Saigon. In the capital itself, business went on as usual.

6. Dominican Republic

President Garcia Godoy has declared the former rebel zone demilitarized and has asked the Inter-American Peace Force to abolish its check points and perimeter controls.

This follows the removal of between 1,200 and 1,300 former rebel military men from the zone to a relocation center.

The next step is to be a decree prohibiting civilians from carrying weapons. Many weapons are believed still in the hands of extremists in the zone.

7. United Kingdom

Prime Minister Wilson has made very notable progress in expanding public confidence in himself and his government since his narrow election victory a year ago.

Recent polls suggest that if elections were held soon his Labor Party would dramatically increase its current two-seat majority in the House of Commons. Most observers still feel, however, that elections are unlikely before next spring.

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